

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 493

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Gary E. Weedman, President of Johnson University, on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is proper that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to recognize those talented and determined individuals who have dedicated their lives to the pursuit of excellence in all their endeavors and, in doing so, have served as an inspiration to those around them; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Dr. Gary E. Weedman, who became the sixth president of Johnson University on July 1, 2007, and has recently announced his retirement from this exemplary institution; and

WHEREAS, born in Evansville, Indiana, Gary E. Weedman graduated from high school in Fairfield, Illinois, in 1961. He received his Artium Baccalaureus from Johnson University in 1964 and completed his Master of Arts degree at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois, in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Weedman obtained his doctorate from Indiana University in 1971 and has also studied at Lincoln Christian Seminary in Lincoln, Illinois, and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, prior to his appointment at Johnson University, Dr. Gary Weedman served as senior vice president of TCM International Institute in Heiligenkreuz, Austria, provost at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida, and as vice president for academic affairs and dean at Milligan College in Elizabethton; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Weedman's teaching and administrative duties included service as an associate professor of Greek and homiletics at Johnson University from 1969-1976; assistant

dean of interdisciplinary studies at Lincoln Christian College from 1976-1982; academic dean at Lincoln Christian College from 1982-1987; and his most recent teaching post as adjunct professor of religious studies with TCM International Institute, teaching in the areas of hermeneutics and New Testament; and

WHEREAS, during his extensive career, Dr. Weedman has served in various ministry and educational settings, including tenures as the founding campus minister of the Indiana University Campus Christian Ministry; minister of the Maple Grove Christian Church in Bloomington, Indiana; minister to Burnside Christian Church in Burnside, Illinois; and as a speech communication instructor at Indiana University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Weedman has traveled extensively in Europe, Central Asia, Japan, and China, and served as a guest lecturer in seminaries and colleges in Romania, Moldova, the former Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, Japan, Uzbekistan, and Great Britain; the author of a number of articles and books, he recently made a presentation at the International Society of Biblical Literature in Groningen, the Netherlands; and

WHEREAS, respected and admired by his peers, Dr. Weedman is a past member of the American Association for Higher Education, a past president of the National Association of Core Curriculum, and a member of the local Kiwanis Club; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Weedman enjoys the love and support of his wife, the former Janis Morgan; they are the proud parents of four wonderful sons, Mark, Matthew, Micah, and Joshua, and the doting grandparents of ten treasured grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to grasp this opportunity to extend its gratitude and recognition to Dr. Gary Weedman for his distinguished service to Johnson University and the students under his charge; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Dr. Gary Weedman upon the occasion of his retirement, commend him on his exemplary service as president of Johnson University, and offer our best wishes for his every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.